KEHP and Employer Responsibility Chart

Subject: KEHP and Participating Employer Compliance with the AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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The chart below accompanies the FAQs published by the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) regarding KEHP and participating employer compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The chart is a quick-reference guide intended to provide employers participating in KEHP with an easy tool to determine what actions are necessary to ensure compliance with the ACA. For more information, employers should refer to the associated FAQs that address more fully the subject matters outlined in the chart below.

This Chart provides guidance and answers questions you may have regarding the implementation of certain ACA provisions and mandates. This Chart is for informational purposes only. Many ACA mandates and requirements apply specifically to employers. Although this Chart is intended to provide guidance to employers participating in KEHP, each employer is responsible for ensuring that it is in compliance with all employer ACA mandates.

ACA SUBJECT	ACA REQUIREMENT OR ACTION ITEM	EMPLOYER ACTION ITEM	KEHP ACTION ITEM	IMPORTANT COMPLIANCE DATES AND DEADLINES
Employer Play or Pay Mandate (IMPORTANT NOTE: On July 2, 2013, the Department of Treasury announced that employer reporting requirements and Play or Pay penalties would be delayed until 2015. The compliance dates listed in this chart related to the Employer Play or Pay Mandate are estimates and are expected to be clarified by future guidance and rules published by the Department of Treasury. Despite the announced delay in enforcement provisions of the Play or Pay Mandate, employers should continue to analyze their work force, develop a process for counting employees, and make technological and information system changes as necessary to collect and consolidate employee information by the new January 1, 2015 compliance deadline.)	Determine if employer qualifies as "large" employer	X		Beginning mid-2014 and continuing each year thereafter
	Establish applicable measurement periods	X		Beginning early to mid-2014 and continuing each year thereafter
	Count and identify full- time (or equivalent) employees	X		Beginning mid-2014 and continuing each year thereafter
	Offer minimum essential coverage to full-time employees	X		By 1/1/15
	Pay penalties assessed for noncompliance	X		2016
	Ensure the minimum essential coverage is affordable		X	September 2014
	Ensure the minimum essential coverage has a minimum value		X	September 2014
Marketplace Notice Requirements	Draft sample Notice for employer use		X	June 2013
	Provide notice to current employees	X	X	No later than 10/1/13
	Provide notice to new employees	X		At the time of hiring beginning 10/1/13
	Upon request, provide information to employee necessary to complete Part B of the Notice	X		After 10/1/13 and upon request by employee
	Provide Notice with Open Enrollment materials		X	September 2013

The Reinsurance and PCORI Fees	Pay the Transitional Reinsurance Fee		X	January 2015
	Pay the PCORI fee		X	7/31/13
Reporting Requirements (IMPORTANT NOTE: On July 2, 2013, the Department of Treasury announced that employer reporting requirements would be delayed by one year. The compliance dates listed in this chart related to employer Play or Pay reporting are estimates and are expected to be clarified by future guidance and rules published by the Department of Treasury. Once the Department of Treasury issues new rules, employers are encouraged to voluntarily implement the information reporting in 2014, in preparation for the full application of the provisions in 2015.)	Make an informational return to the IRS containing employee information	×		2016
	Furnish coverage information to each full-time employee	X		January 31 following each calendar year, beginning January 31, 2016
	Report to each employee, on W-2 forms, the cost of group health insurance coverage	X		January 31 following each calendar year, beginning January 31, 2013
Non-Grandfathered Status	Ensuring KEHP plans comply with provisions of the ACA regarding non- grandfathered plans		X	1/1/14 (provided KEHP loses grandfathered status in 2014)
	Ensure all employer waiting periods are within the 90-day waiting period limitation		X	June 2013 (Beginning 1/1/14, KEHP established a uniform waiting period for all participating employers)
90-Day Waiting Period	Ensure that the waiting period (even for employees hired prior to 1/1/14) does not exceed the 90-day limit	X		1/1/14
	Ensure that employer publications, materials, and processes reflect the uniform waiting period effective January 1, 2014	X		September 2013
	Ensure that KEHP publications, materials, manuals, and processes reflect the uniform waiting period effective January 1, 2014		X	September 2013
2014 Consumer Protections	Ensure that no employer eligibility rule discriminates against an employee based on a health factor or preexisting condition	X		1/1/14
	Ensure that KEHP plans either contain or comply with all required consumer protections		X	1/1/14
Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	Ensure KEHP's waiver options comply with federal requirements		X	September 2013